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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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SUBJ: SHIPPING LINES REFUSAL TO CARRY COBALT CANCER THERAPY
UNIT TO SRI LANKA

1. GSL DEPT OF HEALTH HAS BOUGHT FROM PICKER
INTERNATIONAL CORP (PIC, 595 MINER ROAD, CLEVELAND,
OHIO, 44140, A REPLACEMENT RADIO-ACTIVE COBALT SOURCE FOR
ITS PICK CANCER THERAPY UNIT. PIC HAS CABLED HEALTH DEPT
THAT NEITHER HELLENIC LINES NOR MUHAMMADI SS CO LTD
WILLING CARRY CARGO TO COLOMBO. CABLE STATES PICKER
BELIEVES THESE ONLY LINES SHIPPING DIRECT CLEVELAND-
COLOMBO BUT DOES NOT STATE REASON FOR REFUSAL (WE PRESUME
RADIO-ACTIVITY IS PROBLEM).

2. HEALTH DEPT HAS APPEALED TO EMBASSY FOR HELP ON
HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS SINCE REPLACEMENT SOURCE URGENTLY
NEEDED FOR CANCER PATIENTS REQUIRING THERAPY. ALTHOUGH
THIS ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE MATTER, WE REQUEST DEPT
PHONE PICK TO DETERMINE REASONS FOR CARGO REFUSAL, AND
WHETHER ANY ALTERNATIVES POSSIBLE. FYI, HEALTH
DEPT ADVISES AIR SHIPMENT NOT POSSIBLE SINCE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE UNAVAILABLE.
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